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with questions connected with the Christian Succession Bill.

The consideration of the subjects was then resumed.

121. The need for giving effect to the concessions now granted to the Pulayas in the matter of education.

Mr. C. Gharadan Solomon (Member, Nominated) expressed his feelings of gratitude towards the Government for their progressive policy in regard to the classes that were backward in all respects. Had it not been for such a policy, he said that a Pulaya would not have been able to represent the grievances of his community in the Assembly. Some years ago, the Ealava community was labouring under similar disadvantages in the matter of admission to schools. The Government were pleased to order their admission to almost all the schools of the State. The Pulayas were now praying for the same privilege, but they had not influential men to support them, able men to work for them and wealth to manage their own affairs as in the case of the Ealavas. The Government had already issued orders throwing open the schools in some places to the Pulayas. Even there, admission was not freely allowed to them. He therefore requested to publish the intention of the Government widely and to give practical effect to the concessions now granted to the Pulayas by enforcing their admission into such schools. He added that the landed gentry of the State would not object to their being admitted into the schools as the Pulayas were ever faithful to them and still worked for them.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

122. The establishment of a Lower Grade Secondary School at Narayananputhur.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram taluk) said that the absence of a school in a convenient centre was much felt by the people of ten *pakuthies* such as Kanniakumari, Parakkai, Suchindram and Marungur. To them, Narayananputhur would be a central place. The educational authorities were convinced as to the necessity for a school in that locality; but they were proposing to start it at Suchindram. A school at Suchindram would not afford adequate relief, as places like Cape Comorin would still be 9 miles distant. He therefore requested that a Lower Grade Secondary School be established at the most convenient centre, Narayananputhur.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

123. The establishment of a Lower Grade Secondary School for Boys and a Lower Grade Elementary School for Girls at Colachel.

Mr. R. Taylor (Member, T. I. C., Colachel) said that there was a Higher Grade Elementary School for boys at Colachel. There was no convenience for boys to obtain English education. The nearest English school was at Eraniel at a distance of 5 miles. In the register of that school, there were now 71 boys from Colachel. If a Lower Grade Secondary School was started at Colachel, it would afford ample facility for the education of boys of the neighbouring *pakuthies* also.

He then requested that a Lower Grade Elementary School for girls be established at Colachel. At present there was no separate Government Girls' School in Colachel. There were however two very small Tamil schools conducted by the Missionaries. 25 girls now attended the Higher Grade Elementary School for boys, as their parents did not want them to attend the Mission schools, which were denominational. They sent

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only very young girls to the Boys' School. Including those of the Mission schools, 101 girls were under instruction. If a school was started, it would be quite easy to get more than 100 girls to start with. He requested that the Government should bestow their earnest and early attention to both the matters mentioned by him. Replying to the Dewan, he added that the people of Colachel were as public-spirited as in any other place and that they would be ready to provide a building for a Girls' School, if the Government would only sanction a school.

Dewan's reply.—Action will be taken to start a Lower Grade Elementary School for girls at Colachel.

124. The establishment of a Secondary School at Nedumangad.

Mr. M. Subramania Pillai (Member, Nedumangad taluk) said that last year also the subject had been brought forward before the Assembly but the grievances of the people of the taluk remained unredressed. The want of an English school at Nedumangad was a desideratum. There was a building put up by a few among the people and that was handed over to the Government. But a Girls' School had been started in it, though the cry of the people was all along for a Boys' School. He requested therefore that action might soon be taken to establish a Lower Grade Secondary School for boys in Nedumangad.

Dewan.—The Educational authorities say that there is no need for a Boys' School at Nedumangad, as a sufficient number of boys will not be available.

Member.—It is not so. There would be a sufficient number of boys for a school there.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

125. The educational needs of the Karunagappalli taluk.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Karunagappalli taluk) observed that the people of the taluk were comparatively backward in point of education, especially in English education. It was not however due to the innate incapacity of the young men of the taluk to learn, but it was due to the want of facilities for receiving education. In point of revenue and other considerations, the taluk was one of the most important. The nearest Higher Grade Secondary Schools to the taluk were those at Quilon and Mavelikara, but they were far away and the people were reluctant to send their children at a young age to such distant places. The necessity for a Secondary School was therefore evident. He had reasons to think that the Educational authorities had an idea of opening a school there and they even mentioned that as a reason for refusing grant to a Mission agency that applied for aid two or three years ago. He would not all at once ask for a Higher Grade Secondary School, but would be content with a Lower Grade Secondary School for the present. As regards the building, he said that the choultry could be removed to the Homapura and that building used for the purpose. But if it be considered unsuitable, the Town Hall under construction could be made use of.

He next mentioned that the Higher Grade Elementary School at Padanayarkulangara was at present housed in five buildings, one of them being over a mile from the main

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